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Inventory & Monitoring Program

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Amphibian Flashcards: Project Summary FY2003

Accomplishments FY2003

- Forty-three wood frogs specimens previously collected in the Parks were found at the UA Museum through their online database ARCTOS. See the below chart.
- The Amphibians of Alaska's National Parks webpage was revised to include new observations and photographs from Park staff. This website is currently moving to a new server on NatureNet by WASO.
- The MSAccess97 database was populated with new field records. There were 33 new observations in FY2003= GLBA(10), KLGO(17), YUCH(1), GAAR(2), LACL(3).
- Verbal presentations were given at the I&M Conference in Anchorage, and to KLGO and GLBA staff in the parks.
- Two "Add a Toad" posters of observation locations were displayed at GLBA, and KLGO. This helped to raise interest in the project, and may have increased participation, as well.

Total observations to date:

Species	Park	Observations	Individuals	UA Museum
Boreal toad	GLBA	33	1298	1 (1974)
Boreal toad	KLGO	22	334	2 (1982, 95)
Wood frog	LACL	4	10	
Wood frog	KATM	1	1	
Wood frog	KOVA	1(1997)	5	2
Wood frog	YUCH	1	1	11
Wood frog	GAAR	3	12	6
Wood frog	DENA			10
Wood frog	WRST			10
Columbia spotted frog	KLGO	2	2	
Northwest salamander	GLBA	1 (2000)	1	
Totals		68	1664	43 (estimated)

Dates in parentheses () are the collected or observed dates.

Preliminary Results

- Because of this project, a northwest salamander was reported on the outer coast of GLBA from 2000. This is a significant range extension and represents a new species for the Park.
- Wood frogs were confirmed at LACL. They were also observed at Nutuvukti Lake, and around Walker Lake, in GAAR this year.
- The great majority of observations have come from the SEAN this year, due to the work of Meg Hahr and Lewis Sharman in getting the word out.
- KLGO staff documented a boreal toad tadpole rearing area in the Nelson Slough in Dyea.
- Seven Parks currently have vouchered specimens at the UA Museum. However, two of the wood frog specimens labeled from NOAT, probably came from KOVA. Additionally, several specimens from KLGO and GLBA were not identified as coming from the respective park units. Gordon Jarrell at the museum was made aware of the problem, and is addressing it.

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